Attorney Docket No. 5552.1442-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Ralf OTTO et al.)
Serial No.: Not Assigned) Group Art Unit: Waknown
Filed: April 18, 2000	Examiner: Unknown
For: CLOSURE APPLIANCE FOR REAGENT CONTAINERS)))
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	
Sir:	
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT	
Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:	
IN THE SPECIFICATION:	
Please amend the specification with reference to its numbered lines as follows:	
Page 1, lines 1-3, delete in their e	entirety;
before line 6, insert in the center of the page BACKGROUND OF THE	
INVENTION – and directly below, at the left-hand margin, insert Field of the	
Invention; and	
line 12, insert at the left-hand margin <u>Description of the Related Art</u>	
Page 2, line 24, insert in the center of the page <u>SUMMARY OF THE</u>	
INVENTION	
Page 3, line 22, change "shows" to -is an isometric view of a first embodiment	

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